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For : A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING NEXT  
PLACEMENTS AND PRUNING OF DISALLOWED PLACEMENTS FOR  
PROGRAMMING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 03/14/2006, please enter  
and consider the following amendments, remarks, and arguments for the above  
captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.